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In re application of

Marinus Marias BOONE et al.

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Application No. 09/529,778

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HEARING AID COMPRISING AN ARRAY
OF MICROPHONES

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 14, 2004

Sir:

This is a "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

(1) A provisional application; (2) An application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) An international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 before June 8, 1995; (4) An application for a design patent; or (5) A patent under reexamination.

☒ This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:

(1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under §1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.

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☒ **Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:**

Enter as part of the present submission:

☐ An After Final Amendment previously filed on
 , under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the
 present application.

☐ Arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief
 previously filed on .

☒ A Reply Under Rule 1.111 in the form of a
 Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto. Claim
 fee(s) are calculated as set forth below:

	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY FILED	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS BEING FILED HEREWITH	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	15	59	39	x\$18 =	\$702
Independent Claims	1	4	1	x\$86 =	\$86
TOTAL CLAIM FEE(S)					\$788

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and
 PTO-1449 form(s) is/are attached hereto for the
 Examiner's consideration.

☐ Other:

☒ **Fees**

The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) as required by
 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed, is enclosed
 herewith:

☐ \$385.00 - small entity

☒ \$770.00 - large entity

☐ The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of
 () month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and
 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☐ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained
 in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is


required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

- ☐ An extension of () month(s) was previously requested and paid for on in the instant application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional () month(s) extension.
- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,558.00 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, and/or extension fees.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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